

Weare Heritage Commission  
MINUTES  
August 25, 2010

In attendance: Chairperson George Malette, Secretary Meg Malette, and Tanya Krajcik.

A motion was made by George and seconded by Tanya to approve the July minutes. All were in favor.

George began talking about the Old Barn Tax Assessment with regard to barn surveys. It's not required to do the survey in order to get the tax credit. George would like to encourage Weare's Agricultural Commission to become interested in spreading the word of barn surveys.

The commission delved into reviewing the checklist of the CLG to determine what they have and don't have to complete the checklist for the application.

One of the issues in the ordinance is the demolition delay with regard to including the Heritage Commission in the process. Right now the Heritage Commission is not included in the process. Any changes to an historical structure in historic district overlays in Weare should include the Heritage Commission as a consulting party to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Educate the select board of the CLG to garner their interest and support. Tanya will meet with the select board. Prior to Tanya's meeting, information will be mailed to the select board on CLGs. At the meeting, Tanya will be there to answer their questions. What is the public benefit of Weare becoming a CLG? In the master plan, it recommends that Weare become a CLG to be eligible to receive grants to fund the town's historic buildings.

Tanya suggested contacting other towns that went through the process of becoming a CLG to find out what kind of obstacles they experienced. George will contact Goffstown and Amherst. She will also check with Nadine Peterson about Number 8 of the application checklist with regard to "A sample notice to an applicant of a historic district or heritage commission decision."

Examples of past grants awarded to CLGs will be presented to the select board to demonstrate to them what grants are available for The Town of Weare's historic buildings. Tanya will supply this information.

Town wide surveys are an integral component of receiving grants for historic buildings. If Weare is approved as a CLG, the first goal will be to pursue a town wide survey. There is grant money available to cover this cost.

The commission discussed possible educational programs to offer. Tanya is an archeologist and suggested having a program on cellar holes. John Stark Scenic Byway would like Weare to be part of its educational program. Cemetery tours are on the John Stark Scenic Byway schedule for next year.

George discussed a proposed bylaws and rules of procedures for the Heritage Commission.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary